

# Durham

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
Middlesex County  
Hartford Labor Market Area  
Middlesex County Economic Dev. Region  
Midstate Planning Area

Incorporated in 1704

### Demographics

				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
<i>Population (1998)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	5,143	129,017	3,107,580	White	6,339	136,456	2,648,212
1990	5,732	143,196	3,287,116	Black	70	6,562	274,213
1998	6,548	149,610	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	63	2,364	73,304
2003	6,990	154,241	3,272,149	Native American	7	237	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	6.75%	3.10%	0.03%	Other	8	135	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	61	3,856	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	23.60	369.28	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.53%	3.96%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	277.46	405.14	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$25,789	\$25,497	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	2,164	58,001	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,013	27.5%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	37.9	37.6	37.2	Some College	1,042	28.3%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	1,145	31.1%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	220 7%	647 20%	305 9%	1,202 37%	564 17%	310 10%	3,248
Female	214 6%	608 18%	298 9%	1,228 37%	567 17%	385 12%	3,300
County Total	9,278 6%	24,735 17%	12,244 8%	59,822 40%	22,811 15%	20,720 14%	149,610
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

### Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	20	7.0%	62	3.4%	Durham Manufacturing Co.	\$2,645,990	0.79%
Const. and Mining	77	26.9%	231	12.6%	Second Realty	\$2,368,720	0.71%
Manufacturing	21	7.3%	569	30.9%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$1,959,450	0.59%
Trans. And Utilities	7	2.4%	49	2.7%	Tilcon Minerals, Inc	\$1,748,110	0.52%
Trade	54	18.9%	272	14.8%	Perna Treat Corp.	\$1,513,380	0.45%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	11	3.8%	49	2.7%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$333,700,885	
Services	92	32.2%	517	28.1%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	4	1.4%	90	4.9%	Durham Manufacturing	Regional School District #13	
Total	286	100.0%	1,839	100.0%	Lake Grove at Durham	Town of Durham	
					Parsons		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$21,313,222	\$30,837,967,729

### Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
Total Students	1,233	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,245	\$8,300		Reading	60 55	82 60	74 64		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$54,254	\$48,598		Math	67 59	81 52	57 51		
Students Attending Public School	89.0%	89.2%		Writing	45 46	72 46	83 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.1	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	86.8%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	3.1%	4.6%		Verbal		511	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		528	499		
Kindergarten 20.4	Grade 2 19.2								
Grade 5 22.0	Grade 7 22.6	High School 17.5							

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### Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$46,671
		As % of Expenditures	0.4%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$12,274,621	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$448,789,320
Tax Revenue	\$8,494,097	Per Capita	\$71,338
Non-tax Revenue	\$416,112	As % of State Average	91.5%
Intergovernmental	\$3,364,412	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/90
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,347	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	
As % of State Average	94.6%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	26.35
Total Expenditures (1996)	\$11,659,708	Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	18.88
Education	\$9,091,325	% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	7.4%
Other	\$2,568,383		
Total Indebtness (1996)	\$9,032,628		
As % of Expenditures	77.5%		
Per Capita	\$1,436		
As % of State Average	137.9%		

### Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	2,212	65,409	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	91.2%	73.1%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	11	980	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	46	625	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	58	1,286	20,713
As % Existing Units	2.08%	0.96%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	22	263	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	1	41	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	4	79	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	95	2,661	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	53	4,036
Average Price	\$189,830	\$150,373	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$189,900	\$134,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	1,688	38,474	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	22.5%	28.5%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	45	5,076	148,930

### Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)		
Labor Force	3,366	81,578	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	3,210	77,578	1,635,400	1. Durham	434	Middletown 681
Unemployed	156	4,000	87,900	2. Middletown	213	Durham 434
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.9%	5.1%	3. Middlefield	114	Meriden 205
Total Employment	1,520	64,510	1,581,700	4. Wallingford	91	Wallingford 199
Manufacturing	610	13,100	265,850	5. Meriden	79	New Haven 194
'92-'97 Growth Rate	16.0%	4.7%	4.3%	6. Portland	55	Middlefield 148
Daytime Population	2,343	69,418	1,740,247	7. Guilford	50	Hartford 142
				8. North Branford	36	Hamden 83
				9. Haddam	34	Rocky Hill 56
				10. Madison	27	North Branford 52

### Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	3	1,378	Total Volumes	41,174	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	12.5	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	2	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.358	0.099	Hartford	21	na
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	105	na
Per 1,000 Residents	13.8	40	New York City	86	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	66.5%	68.8%	Providence	70	Municipal Provider
					Contact local provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	1			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	275			Comcast Cablevision of Clinton, Inc.
					860-388-3354